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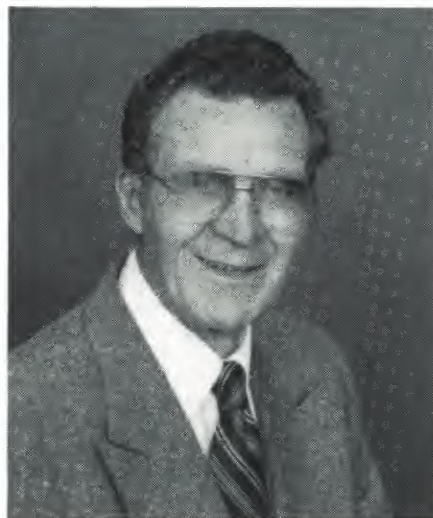
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If you are in need of transportation and room reservations, there are several chapters that have buses where they have scheduled an exciting tour to St. Johns and back to Salt Lake City.

Your motel rooms during the encampment in St. Johns are included with the tour. For more information on the tours and prices, you will need to contact the trek chairman of the specific chapter:

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## President's Message

We were shocked and saddened to learn that Adolph Johnson passed away suddenly April 12, 1988. I had a good visit with him and his wife, Elma, that afternoon (according to a prompting to visit at that precise time). There was no apparent problem, but soon after I left, he became very ill, and went to the hospital in an ambulance and passed on.

He served well and faithfully for many years, as National President, Chairman of the Building Committee, Chairman of the Life Membership Committee, etc.

We will miss him greatly. May the family receive the peace and blessing promised the faithful.

At Conference time we had visits from Keith Shreeve and several friends from St. Johns, Arizona. They are indeed friendly and anxious to host us at the Encampment.

We are getting excited about that event. The weather should be delightful, about the same as at Logan, as St. Johns is located at a higher elevation than much of Arizona. Think "cool."

The tours will be interesting, the food delicious, and the friends tremendous. Be inspired and have fun. Support your candidates for office. Recommit to progress.

We enjoyed the music of the Jay Welch Chorale, who sang in Hebrew and in English when we hosted the leader of the Samaritans from Israel April 3, 1988. Benjamin Tsedaka, and other prominent people, spoke at this friendship event.

It was nice to have Firle J. Wilkins, Area Vice President from Southern California with us at the board meeting. Also Paul J. Updike, Area Vice President from Mesa, Arizona, Thayne Smith, Area Vice President from Kanab, and all "Regulars" at this important meeting.

We appreciate Pres.-Elect Morris P. Bennion and Past Pres. D. Wayne Mallet's trip to visit the chapters in Mesa, Pima and St. Johns, Arizona. Faye and Ruth, their wives, accompanied them.

Thank each of you for your enthusiasm and support. Many things are happening. This is an exciting time. Let's keep building.

Everett H. Call



## About the Cover

Pictures on the front cover were taken on the occasion of a program to honor the Samaritan people held at the National Headquarters Building of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, on the evening of April 3, 1988. This program was held by the International Cultural Exchange Foundation with the cooperation of the SUP. For the full story of the evening see page 21.

The photo on the upper left of the front cover portrays the Jay Welch Chorale who provided the musical entertainment. On the upper right is Jay Welch, the Director of this famous singing group. Left center is a photo of Welch.

On the right center is Benyamin Tsedaka, the Director of the A-B Institute of Samaritan Studies. He resides in Holon, Israel. He was the principal speaker for the occasion.

The lower left shows the audience who gathered for this important event. On the lower right is shown Dr. L. Stephen Richards of Salt Lake City who responded to Mr. Tsedaka's speech, and assured the Samaritans present of the friendship of the Utah people.

Dr. Macoy A. McMurray, J.D., is President of the International Cultural Exchange Foundation. He is shown on the upper right hand corner of the cover.

McKay Rollins, who is not pictured here, was the Cantor soloist for the occasion. He recited from Isaiah 2:2-4 "And they shall not learn war any more"!

## New Members

Auston M. Burton	TB
Bernard C. Christensen	BY
F. Haws Durfey	BY
Nicholas W. Hansen	AL
Theodore G. Mahas	EMC
William Miller	LE
Dean W. Payne	BY
Wilson Sorensen	BY
Douglas Tobler	BY
Jay E. Welch	EMC
Frank Whitehouse	SC
Floyd Garn Hatch	SLC

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## New Life Members

No.	Name	Chapter
1620	G. Elmer Christensen	BY
1621	Gene W. Greenhalgh	BY
1622	Max C. Robinson	BY
1623	Wayne F. Rudy	BY
1624	William Ralph Player	TB
1625	Roy L. Saunders	MtOg
1626	Ronald J. Leonard	BE
1627	Rex C. Baron	BE
1628	Merrill G. Christensen	ME
1629	Dean V. Johnson	ME
1630	Bart Calder MacKay	Hol
1631	Chester M. Todd	EMC
1632	Carl J. Mellor	LE
1633	Richard Bullock	LE
1634	Ronald G. Mace	RR
1635	Clarence A. Anderson	EMC
1636	C. Charron LeSueur	OlyH
1637	Morgan B. Slack	CeCi
1638	Dimond I. Hardcastle	JRT
1639	Gordon Lewis Mousley	JRT
1640	Paul D. Schmidt	JRT
1641	Wilford Dimond Richards	JRT
1642	Owen Hamilton	JRT
1643	Frank B. Schmidt	JRT
1644	John J. Smith	JRT
1645	David E. Jones	JRT
1646	Dean W. Bateman	JRT
1647	James Orval Hayes	SD
1648	Dan N. Cook	GL
1649	Ralph K. Ryan	SLPi
1650	Elden John Bawden	JRT
1651	George B. Ingalls	MtOg
1652	T. Frank Swallow	SH
1653	Lisle Hales Eddington	SH
1654	Edward F. Black	Hol
1655	Frank LeRoy Shafer	BY
1656	W. Vern Freeman	ME
1657	Horace Cornelius	HV
1658	Lynn James Christensen	BH
1659	Harmon B. Stringham	SD
1660	Brent D. Carlile	TMV
1661	Wayne S. Butler	OgPi
1662	Ramon B. Duke	TMV
1663	Lynn M. Green	CeCi
1664	Charles Leo Glover	CR
1665	Elton Stout	HV
1666	Virgil V. Peterson	TP
1667	Eugene E. Hanson	Mills
1668	Phillip R. Clinger	CR
1669	Leon Ritchie	TMV
1670	Don L. Hicken	TMV
1671	Ernest Ekins	OgPi
1672	Jeremy Duncun Pixton	AL
1673	Archie Dean Bevan	SC
1674	George Aposhian	SH
1675	George W. Morgan	SH

*Petrified Forest in  
Arizona is a must to see!*

## Name Memorialization Since July 1, 1987

Laura F. Anderson	3	
Eliza Black	1	
Rhea Eddington	1	LE
Joseph Lindsey	8	SLC
J. G. Gyllenskogs	28	TF
Emily Hanks	3	NM
Shirley Ferguson	2	AL
Verdell Hinton	2	HV
Darlene Lords	1	BH
Ethelyn Taylor	2	TP
Lewis Murdock	12	Hol
Elaine Briggs	4	NM
R. K. Udall	5	LCR
John Alley	1	Mills
Rosalie Olsen	4	AL
Caryn Bing	2	SH
Robert Harris	2	SH
Wm. Burt	2	AL
Richard Jackson	2	CR

## Tiles Purchased to Date

#777 Frank & Jeanne Brown	Hol
#778 Rex & Shirley Woodruff	OlyH
#779 Darrell & Nancy Knight	SLPi
#780 Knight & Patricia Kerr	SLC
#781 Fred & Lilian Schwendiman	SLC
#782 Boyd & Candace Nielsen	PHP
#783 Richard & Hazel Jackson	CR
#784 Lynn & Shannon Heward	EMC
#785 Hugh & Marilyn Brown	EMC
#786 Samuel & Sylvia Job	EMC

## Number of Tiles Purchased to Date by Chapters since July 1, 1987

Mesa	14
Olympus Hills	12
Box Elder	7
East Mill Creek	6
Salt Lake City	6
Canyon Rim	5
At Large	4
Sugar House	4
Brigham Young	3
EMC Mills	3
Holladay	3
South Davis	2
Twin Peaks	2
Murray	2
Pot/Washington	2
Salt Lake Pioneer	2
Parleys Historic Park	2
George Albert Smith	1
Pioneer Heritage	1
Temple Fork	1
Oquirrh Mountains	1
Sierra	1
Taylorville/Bennion	1
Settlement Canyon	1



# SUP Encampment at St. Johns, Arizona

Don't miss this great southwest encampment in the beautiful, history-filled town of St. Johns, Arizona. An exciting program has been planned that should be enjoyable for all.

The schedule of events will be as follows:

## Thursday, August 4th

- 12:00 noon Registration begins, and continues throughout the day. Report at the high school, west of town. (Individual touring of the local area and museum can be done at this time.) Light refreshments will also be available.
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Opening program in High School Auditorium

## Friday, August 5th

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast begins
- 9:00 a.m. Tours
- A. **ZUNI, NM** — Little Colorado River, Coronado Generating Plant (SRP), Gibbons-Lesueur Ambush, Possible route of Coronado Exploration, Witch Wells, Sacred Zuni Mountain, Zuni and Spaniard Battle Site (1540), 350 year old Church in Zuni. And a traditional Zuni Meal and Dance. (This tour will cover 110 miles, and take approximately 4 - 4½ hours.)
- B. **ST. JOHNS** — Early St. Johns Homes, Cemeteries (East and West), Mexican town and history, SUP Marker "Salem", LDS Town history, Court House, Coronado Generating Plant, Apache County Museum. Lunch. (This tour will take approximately 2 - 2½ hours.)
- C. **ROUND VALLEY** — Towns of Springerville and Eagar, Salado, Lyman Dam and history, El Tule, Richville or Walnut Grove, Twenty-four Ranch, Volcano Lava, "Madonna of the Trail" in Springerville, "Cushman Collection" (Museum), Coleman-Barrett Cattle Feud. Lunch. (This tour will take approximately 3 - 3½ hours.)
- 5:00 p.m. Barbecue dinner and Western entertainment at City Park
- 8:00 p.m. Special entertainment program in Auditorium
- 9:30 p.m. Dance (Randy Lee & the Rebels)

## Saturday, August 6th

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast begins
- 9:00 a.m. Business Meeting and Ladies program
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch and Awards meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Rodeo at the County Fairgrounds
- 7:00 p.m. President's Banquet

Those of you who are planning to attend, please fill out the following registration form and mail it with your registration fee as soon as possible.

Name_____	Spouse_____	Chapter_____
Address_____	City_____	State_____ Zip_____ Phone_____
Friday tour preferred (as described above): _____A _____B _____C		
Method of travel to encampment: _____Car _____RV _____Tour bus		
(If coming by bus, please indicate the Bus Lines being used:_____ Phone_____)		
Will you be staying for Church Sunday? _____Yes _____No		
(We'd love to have you, but no meals will be served Sunday morning & restaurants are few.)		
REGISTRATION FEE: \$85/person		
(The registration fee covers everything, except housing, for the time you're here - including all meals, rodeo, entertainment, tours, etc.)		
TOTAL DUE: \$ _____ (\$85 x Number included)		
Send registration to: LITTLE COLORADO SUP CHAPTER, c/o Keith Shreeve, President		
P.O. Box 456, St. Johns, AZ 85936 (602-337-4723)		



## Holladay SUP Schedules Encampment Bus

*Day 1-August 2*—Leave Salt Lake from the National Office at 7:00 a.m.--We will travel in a beautiful air-ride, air conditioned motorcoach thru Price and Moab--some of Utah's rich coal and uranium country; in Price we can visit the Railroad Museum and then go onto Arches National Park near Moab on our way to our first destination--Canyon De Chelly Motel (602-674-5288).

*Day 2-August 3*—A never to be forgotten tour by army half-truck carriers into fabled "Canyon De Chelly" the most notable of Indian cultures. Both the ancient and the modern living together. Tour conducted by interesting Navajo guides. After lunch we will travel thru the "Petrified Forest" of Arizona. Arrive St. Johns, Arizona where we will spend the next 4 nights at the Whiting Motel (602-337-2000).

*Days 3, 4, 5-August 4, 5, 6*—Encampment--Your escorts will be making your stay here enjoyable with short tours around the area as time allows. Encampment includes all activities for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. All meals and entertainment for the three days and evenings. We suggest the Zuni Tour "A".

*Day 6-August 7*—Today we drive to Flagstaff for lunch then on to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon for more spectacular scenery. Our overnight will be in Kanab at the Four Seasons Motel (801-644-2635).

*Day 7-August 8*—After a leisure breakfast, we will travel to Bryce Canyon for lunch, onward to visit the new Fremont Indian Museum. Evening will find us saying farewell with many fond memories of dear friends.

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Motorcoach, rooms-6 nights accommodation, tours of canyons as outlined, 1/2 day tour of Canyon De Chelly, 2 lunches and 1 breakfast.

**TOTAL COST:** \$336.00 / person double occupancy. \$85.00 / person Encampment Registration—Must be paid to Little Colorado Chapter-See Registration Form.

There will be a \$50.00 deposit for each person refundable until 2 weeks prior to departure. Balance is due 30 days prior to departure.

## Temple Quarry Chapter News

The March meeting was held March 10th and was a celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Host couples were Mr. and Mrs. Golden Buchmiller and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beckstead. They were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wright, Virginia, Lois Ray, and Theo Reading.

Following the potluck buffet, Golden and Carol Buchmiller took us on a lovely tour of Ireland, via slides and commentary. Golden then entertained us with music on his harmonica, and Carol gave an interesting history of Ireland and the story of Saint Patrick.

We were reminded of our ongoing projects of food for the unfortunate and collecting personal histories from each member. Clark Gardner and Bud Etherington read and submitted their histories.

On April 14th, we were hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Bud Etherington and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bigler. Their helpers were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Oakeson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Madsen, Ruth Cranney and Frances Bills.

Personal histories were read by Fred Johnson and LeRoy Wilcox. A musical program was presented by the O'Very brothers, Danny, Barney and Bud, accompanied by their sister, Kristin.

Many treks are being planned by Clyde Beckstead and Gene Newbold, trek masters.

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## Andrew Schow Leads Buena Ventura Chapter in '88 - Goals of SUP Restated

A new slate of officers for the Buena Ventura Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers will serve in 1988.

The chapter covers the North Davis County area.

The new president is Andrew Schow with Charles Brotherson as president-elect, Robert Fisher as vice president, Paul Lindeman as secretary and Elmo "Bud" Phillips as treasurer.

Gerald R. Thomson of Layton will serve as the area vice president for the National Sons of the Utah Pioneers, for Weber and North Davis counties. He replaces Julius Geilman of Ogden who has served for the past two years.

The Sons of Utah Pioneers is a society to help foster the spiritual elements of the Utah Pioneers, to promote good citizenship, and to carry out worthy projects leading to the betterment of the American way of life.

An applicant for membership must be of good moral character and have a desire to help honor and preserve the memory of the group who founded Utah during the period before the coming of the railroad on May 10, 1869.

The corporation was formed to help preserve the heritage of the pioneers of the State of Deseret of the Utah Territory. They foster the same spiritual elements of success the pioneers did. These include: faith in God, devotion to family, loyalty to country, freedom of conscience, commitment to work, and service to others.

They promote and sponsor all types of historical collection and preservation.

Any man over 18 years of age who is interested in joining the group may contact one of the new officers.

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### PIONEER DEADLINE

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*Officers of Sugarhouse Chapter of SUP. Top row: Lisle H. Eddington, 1st Vice Pres. and Catering; Mark Udy, Jr., 2nd Vice Pres. and Treks; Merrill W. Croft, Pres.-elect and Landmarks & Monuments; Rulon H. Horrocks, Advisor, Chairman of Properties; J. Frank Swallow, Treas. Bottom row: Lynn N. Murdock, Directory, Life Members, Memorialization; Veloy H. Butterfield, Advisor and Chaplain; Joseph H. Gunn, Immed. Past Pres.; Ralph M. Davey, Advisor, Awards & Points Chairman; Charles J. Ellis, Secretary; Herb Rumel.*

## **Sugarhouse Chapter Presents Outstanding Programs:**

**Robert L. Bachman, Church Leader;  
Bruce C. Hafen, Law Professor;  
Mendelssohn Male Chorus**

Leaders of the Sugarhouse SUP Chapter are to be commended in their choice of outstanding programs for their membership meetings. As examples, the featured speaker for their March 23rd, 1988 meeting was Robert L. Bachman, a member of the Presidency of the First Quorum of Seventy of the LDS Church. He is a widely known and recognized speaker and leader. He is a lawyer by profession. He is a member of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America and has received the rank of Eagle in that organization. He has been presented with the Silver Buffalo, the highest honor in that organization.

At the same meeting, appearing

with Elder Bachman were the Healy Trio of Taylorsville, Utah.

On February 23, 1988, the Sugarhouse membership heard Bruce C. Hafen as their speaker. He is Dean and professor at the J. Reuben Clark Law School. He is a past president of Ricks College, and has received many honors and held many high positions in civic and religious life.

Consistent with their practice of presenting excellence, the Sugarhouse leaders will on April 27, 1988 present the Mendelssohn Male Chorus. This Chorus ranks in excellence second only to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. It is famous throughout the West for its vocal presentations. Elliott Budge is currently the conductor with Carol Cottam as the accompanist.

It is plain to see why the Sugarhouse leadership is becoming known for the excellence of the programs it brings to its membership.



*Officers' wives of Sugarhouse Chapter of SUP. Top row: Beth Davey, Afton Eddington, Carrol Gunn, Ruth Butterfield. Bottom row: Alice Rumel, Gladys Horrocks, Renetta Udy, Nina S. Murdock, June B. Swallow, Melba B. Croft.*

## **Sugarhouse Chapter Schedules Meetings Plans Memorial Marking Site of Territorial Prison**

Members of the Sugarhouse Chapter meet ten months of the year on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the National Headquarters Building on 3301 East. In November and December of each year they hold a breakfast meeting on the same Wednesday but at 7:00 a.m.

At their meetings they enjoy community singing, birthday greetings, pioneer histories, and talks on timely subjects. Their meetings are always entertaining and inspirational.

A monument marking the site of the old Territorial Prison will be dedicated June 27, 1988 at 10:00 a.m. President Gordon B. Hinckley will be the featured speaker at this event.

In 1852 Territorial Governor, Brigham Young, requested federal funding for the erection of a prison. Congress responded with an appropriation of \$20,000.00. The facility served as a prison from 1855 to 1951. When it was torn down, a new State Penitentiary was constructed south of Salt Lake City at the Point of the Mountain where it presently stands.

A suitable monument has been designed by Dale McCormack and Roger Gorgenicht. Hyrum Smith will be the contractor. Funding for the monument has been provided by the LDS Church and by Utah Peace Officers Association. Co-Chairpersons for the project are Betty Sorensen of DUP and Merrill W. Croft of SUP.

This memorial was planned in 1986 by the Sugarhouse Chapter of SUP under the leadership of Veloy H. Butterfield. It will be completed by the same Chapter in 1988 under the leadership of Joseph W. Gunn. The project has been approved by the National Society of SUP.

The original building was constructed of red sandstone blocks. These blocks are being collected for use in the memorial. Anyone happening to have some of the old blocks are requested to consider contributing them to this new project. Anyone having such blocks may contribute them by calling Merrill Croft at 485-8387.



Sugarhouse SUP members will provide a picnic lunch to be served following the dedication on June 27th. There will be a small charge of \$5.00 for this lunch. Anyone wishing to have one of the picnic lunches should make a reservation by calling one of the following numbers: 485-8387, 355-1160 or 355-0544.

Financial contributions to this project may be made by giving the money to a fund set up for that purpose at Tracy Collins Bank, Sugarhouse Branch.

The public is invited to attend and participate in the dedication of the Prison Memorial.

## Pioneer Heritage Chapter Survival

Last year provided a new experience for a large group of Sons of Utah Pioneers and their wives. The Canyon Rim Heritage Chapter, a rather large organization, was divided to make two chapters, each large enough to function properly but small enough to allow for individual membership and leadership growth within both chapters. The new unit was given the name of Pioneer Heritage Chapter.

There were mixed feelings with many of the members fearing that a separation of old friends and neighbors would have disastrous results. Many of those involved were very hesitant about making the move but it was made and it did work out very well.

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A fine group of leaders were chosen by the members of the new chapter and plans were made for the remainder of the year. Don Summers became the first president.

Shortly after the first dinner meeting, Don fell prey to a very serious illness that greatly limited his activities. With the faith and prayers of his fellow chapter members he courageously continued on and was able to hold the chapter together until his term was up the last part of December of 1987.

In spite of many problems the chapter had several very delightful dinner meetings. Service projects were worked on and a number of awards were earned for outstanding achievements during 1987. These to be given out at the first meeting of the 1988 year. A president-elect and

a board of directors were chosen. Everything was made ready for the new year.

On February 18, 1988, the Pioneer Heritage Chapter held its first dinner meeting of this year. It was an enjoyable evening with about forty members and their wives in attendance. Appropriate introductions of the new officers and board members were made with D. Clyde Collett as the new president. Other officers were John J. Nielsen, president-elect; Don Summers, past president; Lawrence Morgan, secretary & treasurer; Quinton Palmer, Franklyn B. Matheson, Ross C. Watson and Raymond Elgren as vice presidents. Directors are Howard Hoffman, Earl Cromer, Clayton W. Filke and Milton G. Widdison.

Four life membership certificates and pins were awarded along with twenty-three memberships to be paid in three yearly payments. A very appropriate program was presented to include a musical number, biographical sketch, a slide presentation and short talks on Nauvoo by Brother Elbert Porter and his wife Francis.

A joint chapter summer activity was announced for July 14th with the Canyon Rim, Pioneer Heritage and Parleys Historical Park Chapters meeting together in an outdoor setting. The Pioneer Heritage Chapter is indeed looking forward to a banner year to include, it is hoped, maximum attendance at the annual encampment in St. Johns, Arizona on August 4, 5, & 6.

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## Salt Lake City Chapter Hears Report on Efforts to House the Homeless

Ella D. Westley, Administrative Assistant in the Greater Salt Lake "Shelter the Homeless" program, spoke to the Sons of Utah Pioneers Salt Lake City Chapter on April 7, 1988 and reviewed her activity with this project.

One morning after a rained-out picnic, she had much leftover food which no one wanted, not even the Rescue Mission. Driving through the Pioneer Park area she noticed people looking for food scraps in garbage cans. She asked if they were hungry and they said "yes." She said, "Let's have a picnic." She learned that local relief facilities furnish only the noon meals on weekdays and are closed on Sundays. So she came back the following Sunday with some helpers, more food, and scared stiff, to cook and serve food to the homeless strangers.

Thus, she started preparing Sunday morning meals for the homeless. Her father disapproved

and said that she should be in church on Sunday mornings. She replied that her bishop had given his blessing for this activity.

As the weeks passed she recognized many formerly prosperous friends who had lost their homes because of rent increases, divorces or unemployment. At present there are 1500 homeless in Salt Lake City, 86% of whom don't like the homeless lifestyle. Most of them, 60%, are Utahns. Many, 25%, are single women or families with children. Only 49% of the homeless stay in shelters, the other homeless are afraid to stay there because of various dangers. Many homeless sleep outside and there have been several deaths from exposure. a 1987 Congressional Report states that "homelessness is a massive epidemic that must be treated as a national emergency."

Greater Salt Lake will soon have a rebuilt shelter in the old Westinghouse Building at 200 South 440 West, for which the LDS Church donated \$400,000 originally, followed by \$600,000 from the Episcopalian diocese. Still needed is \$700,000 to finish the building,

which will then accommodate 110 family members, a transitional school, and 237 single men. There will also be medical, dental, and substance-abuse clinics and facilities for social work and employment counseling. The construction is being done at cost of materials and labor. Supervision costs are donated.

Mrs. Westley, a mother of seven and a young grandmother of three, reminded her listeners that the homeless favor this area to get work and food. Here, in pioneer days, came indigent immigrants until they could start rebuilding their lives. The new shelter will provide similar benefits.

M. Dell Madsen, president of the Salt Lake City Chapter of SUP, thanked Mrs. Westley for her gripping presentation and promised that the Chapter members, with their modest numbers and funds, will enthusiastically support her efforts to help our homeless neighbors.

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## Is the Tile Program Extinct? What About the Name Memorialization Program? Is It A Thing of the Past?

These two programs have been a real fund-raiser for the National Association in the past. It has been thrilling to see the names for the *Tile Program* come in to cover our stairway wall.

Suddenly it has come to an almost complete stop. There were only 5 tile purchased in the last two months. Just because the one wall was completed, doesn't mean that we are thru. If you think so, then you should take a walk down the front stairs and look at the two walls at the bottom of the stairway. There are about 200 tile which have been placed there recently, but there are many, many more which are needed to finish these walls so they will be as nice as the other walls which have been completed. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** There are many who have not purchased a tile yet. If you have one for yourself, then how about

your children or someone else. The important thing is that you purchase one or more tile. **DO IT NOW!**

The *Name Memorialization Program* has gone to sleep too. In the past 2 months, only 2 names have been submitted.

Within a matter of days we will have 2 plaques to hang on the walls. One is already here and the other one will soon be ready. **WHAT THEN?**

Of the 85,000 pioneers who came to the Valley, we only have about 6,000 names on the walls. What about the rest? Don't they deserve to have their names up there too? How about the many wives who were not memorialized when this program first started. The men's names came from many of us who are active now. How great it would be to now put up the wives of those men so that their efforts as pioneers would be recognized.

What about your parents and family? Have they not been Pioneers during the last 100 years? Should they not be honored for their posterity?

We can make this Pioneer Gallery an honored and hallow place for

remembering all the pioneers of the past, present and future. Let us be proud of what we have been given; what we can accomplish and leave for future generations to remember and build upon.

Get your families together and let us build our Pioneer Gallery together now! Don't wait. Your family organization can help you if you will only show them how it can be done. Please suggest and explain this program and show them by visiting your Pioneer Gallery at your National Building.

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## Hurricane Remembers Its Pioneers Heritage

by Owen Sanders

Some were weak in spirit  
And had no faith to try  
Some were weak in body  
And left the trail to die.

While those who trudged the  
dusty trails  
And suffered grief and pain  
Were destined, by their efforts  
To gain eternal fame.

We who bask in glory  
Of our distinguished past  
Must know, that all this glory,  
Without effort can not last.

Our pioneer names ring down  
the years

In leadership and zeal;  
Let's help them ring,  
forevermore

A vibrant, valiant peal!

When the Hurricane Valley Chapter accepted the responsibility of building the beautiful monument in the center of the Hurricane Valley Pioneer Heritage Park, it was decided to use colorful limestone flagstone from a quarry on the crest of the historic Hurricane Cliffs.

Horace Cornelius had used this stone to build the beautiful pioneer monument in Virgin City. Under his talented supervision, a group of dedicated descendents of Utah's Dixie pioneer temple builders worked many muscle-aching, callus-building, back-breaking days in the quarry, prying up sheets of flagstone. These sheets were in varying thickness. These tireless volunteers sawed, chiseled, chipped and formed stone blocks that were used to build the monument and will also be used as a foundation for a wrought-iron fence that will be on two sides of the park.

On Friday, March 25th, 1988, history was made, as 24 Sons of Utah Pioneers, plus wives and children, surrounded the monument in the center of Heritage Park and watched as a time capsule was placed inside the monument. Then a 3000 pound capstone was gently lowered to seal the top. The following items were placed inside the time capsule: Life Magazine "Years in Pictures" edition; Deseret News, Sunday edition; Church News; St.



Three Chapter members steady 3000 pound capstone as it is being lowered to top of monument while other members pose for photograph.



Dedicated Hurricane Valley Chapter members removing limestone flagstone from quarry located on crest of historic Hurricane cliffs.

George Magazine; Spectrum newspaper, Progress Edition; Washington County News, final edition; Business Week Magazine; minutes of Hurricane Valley Heritage Park Foundation; copy of Certificate of Incorporation; letter of school children to raise money for trees; letter to residents of Hurricane Valley to support Park financially; letter to former residents for financial support; letter to descendents of Hurricane Canal Builders and Hurricane Pioneers to memorialize ancestors' names; a panorama picture of Hurricane Valley; list of volunteer workers; picture from Pioneer Magazine with summary of years activities; resume of meetings planning the park; newsletter of Hurricane Valley Chapter S.U.P.; maps and plans of park; flyer for Heritage Park Day; Articles of Incorporation of Foun-

dation; Lease with L.D.S. Church; list of members of Hurricane Valley Chapter; Proposal to Hurricane City Council for museum and park; letter to Church requesting property; articles from newspapers about park and museum; By-laws of Heritage Park Foundation; picture of Hurricane Canal Monument and dedication; picture of S.U.P. members placing capstone on monument; two poems by President-elect Robert Langston, titled, "The Birth of Hurricane" and "How Did You Do It"?

Within a year, an eight foot sculpture, depicting a pioneer family in "Prayerful Thankfulness" will adorn the top of the monument and historic plaques will be placed on all four sides.

This will require substantial donation of money from folks who love their heritage.



## Mesa Chapter Cooperates in Erection of Monument to Early Pioneers

On February 13, 1988, some 1500 citizens of Mesa, Arizona gathered in Pioneer Park in the center of their city to dedicate a monument to the early settlers of that community. The erection of this monument, a photo of which appears on the front cover of this magazine, is the culmination of many months of effort by interested citizens of the community.

It all started with the appointment of a committee--The Mesa Pioneer Monument Committee. This committee selected a sculptor, Claude Pomeroy, himself a descendent of pioneers, to design and sculpt a fitting monument. Then contributions were solicited to finance the project. Over 500 contributors came forward with money and gifts to make the project possible. These were divided into three groups: Major contributors were descendents of William Morris Newell; O. Virgil and Helen Crismon Family; descendents of Orlando and Lucy Mae Schwarz Merrill; descendents of H.C. Kimball and Cassandra Johnson Pomeroy; Wilbur W., Keith R., Kent J., sons of James Oliver and Sara Lo Vida Bullock Power; Charles Innes and Clara Phelps Robson Family; The Wolfswinkel Family; and Western Savings. Friends of the Pioneers were Arizona Public Service; Jim and Mildred Cooper; Wayne and Martha Crismon; Ross and Anita Farnsworth; Darwin and Olive Gunnell and Families; Tom and Elaine Stapley; and MeraBank. Benefactors of the project were Allred Brothers; Roc and Sydney Arnett Family; Clarene Barney; Dennis and Ann Barney; The Basha Family; B.R. Brown and Company; Wayne Brown; Vilate Allen Cardon; Albert Crismon; Frank W. Davisson; Jay and Dorma Farnsworth; First Interstate Bank of Arizona; Al and Kathleen Gardner; Horace and Sandy Kent; Chuck and Beverly Kohlhase; Family of Milo and Wanda LeBaron; Family of Art and Hazel Millett; Marvin and June Morrison; B. Kent and Lavern Pomeroy; Pat and Nancy Pomeroy; Wayne and

Cecil Pomeroy; Salt River Project; Dean and Patricia Sellers; Sons of Utah Pioneers; United Bank of Arizona; Valley National Bank; and Mesa Rotary Club.

Shown on the monument were four pioneers who entered upon the mesa at the site of the present city by that name on February 14, 1878. Shown in lifesize statues are Francis Martin Pomeroy, Charles Crismon, George M. Sirrine and Charles I Robson.

Four companies made up the membership of the first settlers to Mesa. They are the Lehi Company, First Mesa Company, the Second Mesa Company, and the Third Mesa Company.

The committee arranged an interesting program of music and speech to mark the occasion. Marion G. Donaldson, Educator, historian, and former city official, was Master of Ceremonies. The Central Arizona Choir furnished the music. Stewart L. Udall, former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, and Gordon B. Hinkley of the First Presidency of the LDS Church were the speakers. They each uttered praise for the courageous pioneers, many of whom came from far away Idaho to found a community on this dry mesa land. The brochure, printed for the occasion, said this of them: *When the first settlers came in 1877-78, they found the remains of an irrigation system built over a thousand years earlier by the Hohokam—"those who are gone."* *With gratitude for the work of these early people and after eight months of wearisome toil, the new settlers restored one of the ancient canals and water once again flowed to the desert from which this community was destined to grow.*

*We of Mesa are proud of the heritage these honest, hard working pioneers have left us. May their spirit and determination continue to enrich our lives through this memorial.*

Many members of the Mesa SUP gave money, time and effort into this project. The Mesa Chapter is to be congratulated for "...great and good thing," done there with the erection of this commemorative monument.

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Shown on monument: Charles I. Robson, Francis Pomeroy, George Sirrine and Charles Crismon.



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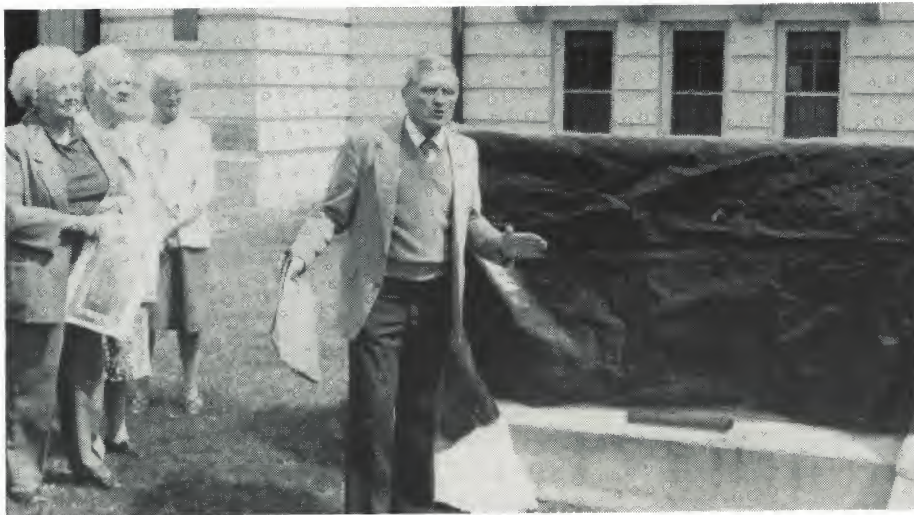
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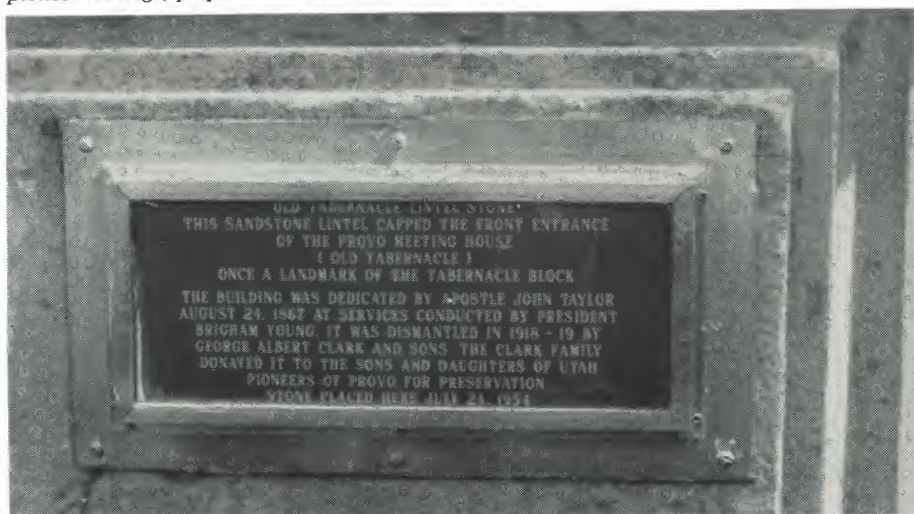
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*J. Rulon Morgan who was honored at the Provo Birthday dinner for his contribution in preserving pioneer heritage, prepares to rededicate lintel stone.*



*This is the inscription installed by George A. Smith and Brigham Young SUP Chapters on the lintel stone preserved from the Old Provo Tabernacle. (Photos by Harold Laycock, President-elect of Brigham Young Chapter.)*



*Local and national SUP dignitaries pose at lintel from pioneer-day Provo Meeting House (Old Tabernacle) at North Park. The occasion was a rededication ceremony on Provo's 139th Birthday to mark installation of a plaque by the Brigham Young and George A. Smith Chapters. The inscription gives essential historical information on the edifice. L to R: Bruce Elm, George A. Smith Chapter; Verl G. Dixon, Past National SUP President; Blaine Hall, Smith Chapter President; Vern Hobson, Brigham Young Chapter Past President; J. Rulon Morgan, President, Sons and Daughters of Utah Pioneers of Provo; Everett Call, National SUP Society President; Ramon B. Wilson, Brigham Young Chapter President; and Earl J. Glade, Jr. and Jay M. Smith, Jr., officers of the latter unit.*

## **Brigham Young, George A. Smith Chapters Take Lead in Provo's Birthday Fete**

*by N. LaVerl Christensen*

Provo celebrated its 139th Birthday April 4 with two public events spearheaded by the Brigham Young and George A. Smith Chapters, Sons of Utah Pioneers, with the cooperation of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers and Senior Citizens.

National SUP President Everett Call was an honored guest.

Provo was settled as Fort Utah by Mormon pioneers sent by Brigham Young from Great Salt Lake City. Led by John S. Higbee, they arrived on the banks of Provo River April 1, 1849.

After a day of exploration they began building a fort April 3, the date later designated by the city commission as Provo's official birthday. The 3rd came on Sunday this year; hence the April 4 observance.

Before a sizeable audience at an Eldred Center luncheon, J. Rulon Morgan received the 1988 "Community Service Award" for his "outstanding contribution to civic, church and community life."

Morgan, President of Sons and Daughters of the Utah Pioneers of Provo for a quarter century, was especially cited for his role in preserving pioneer heritage. He is a past president of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

The award was given by the Council on Aging and the Sons and Daughters of the Pioneers. George W. Simmons, past president of the George A. Smith SUP Chapter, now head of the Council on Aging, was in charge.

The second part of the celebration was a rededication at North Park of the artistically-sculptured 5 by 7 foot lintel stone which capped the front entrance of the pioneer-day Provo Meeting House (Old Tabernacle), once a landmark on the Tabernacle Block.

The building was erected at much toil and sacrifice and many delays experienced by pioneer artisans, over an 11-year period, and dedicated August 24, 1867 by Apostle John Taylor at services conducted by President Young.



When the edifice was razed in 1918-19, contractor George Albert Clark and Sons preserved the sandstone lintel in an interesting way. They built it into the wall of a private garage at his home.

Later Mr. Clark's family donated the stone to the Sons and Daughters of Pioneers of Provo who mounted it at the park in 1954.

Verl G. Dixon, member of that group, and of both the Brigham Young and George A. Smith SUP Chapters, as well as a past National President of the Sons of Pioneers, took charge of the April 4 rededication ceremony. Morgan gave the dedicatory prayer. Jay M. Smith, Jr. was co-chairman with Dixon of arrangements.

## The Pattern

by Owen Sanders

My father dug the ditches  
And tilled the stubborn soil;  
What have I, his son, to show  
For all his years of toil.

My mother gnarled her tender hands  
And suffered for my weal;  
What have I, her son, to show  
For all her faith and zeal.

Their faith and love of God was strong  
Their zest for life sincere;  
What have I, their son, to show  
For what they held so dear.

My folks have sketched a pattern  
And blazed a vivid trail;  
They have earned their Golden Goal  
Only I, can fail!



Verl G. Dixon takes charge of lintel stone rededication. Zola Bair, far left, is coordinator of Pioneer Museum (background) which is operated by Sons and Daughters of Utah Pioneers of Provo for the city.



Everett Call, National SUP President; Mrs. Dean (Jaynann) Payne with her father J. Rulon Morgan; and Victor Bowen, National Vice President for Central Utah. Morgan is a Past National SUP President.

## George A. Smith Chapter Cleans House

by O. GERAL WILDE

It's spring house cleaning time! The members of the George A. Smith Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers, and their wives will do just that at their regular meeting in May. They will meet and clean houses. The Chapter is responsible for the care and maintenance of the Pioneer Village in Provo located in North Park, 500 West 600 North.

Each spring members and their wives clean the two homes, an old original school house, and several other buildings. One home was built in 1853 by John W. Turner and donated to the Village by D. H. Loveless, relic collector. The other home was built in 1854 by Oliver Haws. It was given to the S.U.P. by Frank J. Earl and moved to the Village in 1957.

Seven interesting buildings make up the Village, all housing pioneer tools, period furniture, and old farm implements. The old barn contains an ox shoer. Built in 1853, this device was used by the pioneers to shoe oxen. The ox was pulled into the machine by hooking a chain around its neck. Once the animal was inside the shoer, two straps under the animal's belly lifted the ox for shoeing.

The chapter members constructed a building in 1982 to protect its wagons from the elements. The 25 x 80 foot building also contains a blacksmith forge.

George Simmons, past chapter president, is an experienced blacksmith. He has donated hundreds of hours in demonstrating blacksmithing to the many Village visitors. He especially enjoys working the forge for the many school children that visit the Village.

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# Sharps' Camp

by Richard G. Thayne

When I was a lad, I rode my uncle Glen Beckstead's horse from West Jordan to Midvale and Sandy.

Most of the roads were dirt except the barren highway. I rode along, unaware of the history of this vast barren land. Miles apart were a few home-cladden roads going east and west from the highway.

The first pioneer family to settle in this area were the Sharps. In 1865 the father Charles Sharp dug a hole big enough to be their home, called a "dug-out." Willows were carefully laid on top, covered with dirt to keep out the storms. A window was made by putting grease on paper, letting light come into this humble adobe. An animal skin was laid over a large opening for a door. These pioneers had pride and loved beauty; digging white clay they made "white-wash," using it to paint the mud walls. Later on, lime was hauled from North Salt Lake that made a better wall covering.

All of this vast area was then called West Jordan. Later the area East of the river was named East Jordan. In 1909 the town was incorporated and renamed Midvale.

Dan Jones moved into this area, built his family a dugout, settling the property from Salt Lake 40th South to Crescent, south of today's Sandy. He had all of the property east of the old wagon road, where highway ninety-one is today. He was sent to prison for practicing polygamy. Most of the property was purchased by my mother's great-grandparents who farmed the ground for several generations (Greenwoods).

My great-grandfather Ebenezer Thayne was converted to the Mormon faith in Abbey Paisley, Renfrew Scotland. He worked with the Hudson Bay Fur Party in Canada as a trapper for several years. He married Nancy Cunningham and migrated to Utah. He settled the ground west of the highway from 40th South in Salt Lake City to where the State Prison is today near Draper.

Ebenezer Thayne kept a "Travelors Inn" at the junction of 7200 South and the State road. It

consisted of a large barn or stable in the middle of where the intersection is today. To the west of it was a large inn with many sleeping rooms on the second floor. The horses were unhitched from the stagecoach or wagons, given hay and water, then put in stalls for the night.

The passengers were escorted into the Inn, where they all sat at a large table. They would eat and talk together. Afterwards they slept in the rooms upstairs. Ebenezer Thayne was sent to Star Valley, Wyoming on a town-finding mission. He founded the town of Thayne and opened the first post office there. His wife and family remained with the Travelors Inn in Utah.

People began homesteading and taking up the land, Ebenezer's wife and a daughter died and were buried behind the Travelors Inn. Their graves are still there, northwest of 7200 South and State Street in an alleyway.

Mr. Thayne returned to Midvale for a short time when President Brigham Young sent him on a colonization mission to Forestdale, Arizona. Here they built a beautiful town among springs of water. The Indians raided them and drove the people out. Ebenezer Thayne was killed by an indian arrow. He died with a white flag in his hand and was buried in Snowflake, Arizona.

The Sharps, Greenwoods, and Thaynes were among the first settlers in this valley. These three out of the first four families were all my relatives, who settled Sharps Camp. This camp has grown into many large cities today.

*Richard G. Thayne, the author of the foregoing article, is a graduate of Brigham Young University. He is a professional photographer and writer. He is the author of the book, "Goodbye for Now." He reports that the article above is based upon his own experience, plus material from two books: Tales of a Triumphant People and Diary of Alonzo Hatch, also from an interview with Parley Glover.*

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## East Mill Creek Chapter News

The officers of East Mill Creek Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers are striving to fulfill the many expectations set forth by our National President, Everett H. Call, and our own Chapter President Lloyd R. Martin. Our board members are full of enthusiasm and eager to push forward to meet the many challenges to make the Sons of Utah Pioneers an effective group.

One of the Chapter goals is to have a "tile" represent every member of the chapter. We are moving forward in this assignment and we are now seeing our efforts as we visit our National Headquarters Building. The "tiles" are now being placed on the walls and our names are in view for all to see.

The Chapter has had many interesting and educational dinner meetings during the past months. Brother Steven T. Baird took us to Nauvoo in slide pictures and an explanation of the restoration project that is under way there. Dr. Jay Welch told us about the kinds of music and instruments that came with the pioneers and Dr. Welch also played several piano selections for our enjoyment. Bruce Lindsey, newscaster for KSL-Channel 5, gave us an inside view of the happenings in the life of a newscaster. Spencer Kinnard, "Voice of the Tabernacle Choir," reported on many incidents that have occurred in his relationship with the Choir.

A trek has been arranged for our Chapter in April to visit various areas in Nevada, Death Valley, Tonapah, then up through Zions Canyon, Richfield and Manti, Utah.

At our dinner meetings we honor the birthdays of our members and their partners by singing "Happy

Birthday" to them. Each month a newsletter, "The Courier," is mailed to the members of the Chapter--telling about the Chapter's business, news, and happenings. We have enlisted six new Life Members in the past six months.

We have had many wonderful years as a Chapter and this year will be another great one to remember.



*Janet Lyon Speirs                      George Speirs  
Janet Speirs Dunn, Oldest Daughter*

## George Speirs Early Merchandiser of Tooele

George Speirs was born January 6, 1827 in the far off beautiful Isle of Scotland in the city of Tarbolten. He was fifth in a large family. They were poor hard-working people. He didn't own a pair of shoes until he was 12 years of age.

At the age of 21 he married Janet Lyon, who was born January 5, 1828 at Kilmarnock Scotland. She was the daughter of John Lyon, the poet.

The Scottish ancestry of this young couple endowed them with courage, bravery, perseverance, and a desire for some of the better things of life. Hard work, coupled with their love for their new found religion, their devotion for each other, and a desire to raise an honorable family was the stern teacher that helped to frame the pattern of their lives.

The education of George Speirs was very little. He was born with a thirst for knowledge. Much of his schooling was self-taught. In later years he was recognized for his outstanding mathematical ability. He did much private mathematical tutoring around the old heating stove in his store, and his great love for astronomy led him far into this field.

The Latter-day Saint missionaries were laboring throughout the British Isles. George and Janet attended the cottage meetings and

were soon converted to the gospel. They with many other converts set sail for the United States in the year of 1856. They were six weeks upon the ocean. Janet was then pregnant with her fifth child. She was so terribly ill that she was confined to bed nearly all of the voyage. She was so filled with panic of the thought that her baby might be born upon the ocean and may not live and the horror of it being buried there. She had the Elders administer to her often. The baby George was born four days after the arrival in New York and died within a few hours of birth. Four other children had been born in Scotland. They were Janet, William, Agnes and John. John died before leaving Scotland.

George Speirs was a weaver by trade and was anxious to buy a loom to bring west. But the trip by boat had left the purse empty. It was necessary to remain in New York to replenish the supply of finance. Young, strong, and determined each morning found him walking the streets looking for work. He found employment in a store. There he worked for the next four years. The experience he gained there helped him to lay the foundation for the merchantile business he engaged in in later years. Another son Thomas was born in New York.

The Speirs family was active in church. Here a lasting friendship was developed with George Q. Cannon. They encouraged the organization of a wagon train to come to Utah. George bought a large sturdy covered wagon. He was the owner of one cow. The team was made up of the cow and an oxen owned by another person making the trip. In that wagon were two special items. One was the longed for loom and the other a gift presented to Janet just before departure. Something she had silently dreamed of but felt the cost was too great. A cast iron cook stove, not large, with four lids on top, a front apron, and an oven big enough for a four loaf pan. Janet Speirs wouldn't have to cook in a fireplace. In the spring of 1860 the wagon train rolled west. In the company of Jesse Murphy. Little Tommy learned to walk by holding onto the wagon tongue while in camp each evening. It was late in the fall when they arrived in Salt Lake



Valley. They spent that winter in Salt Lake City in the eleventh ward. The following spring of 1861 they were sent to Tooele Valley.

The first home in Tooele was a one room log house with a dirt floor and dirt roof just south of the present Vine and First West Street. Right below the Bonelli home. Soon a lean-to room was added to house the precious loom.

Next George Speirs acquired a 15 acre farm two blocks south and two blocks west of the home. The next well planned project was the planting of the farm. He had studied Horticulture and knew the science of budding and grafting fruit trees. This technique he used to improve the quality of his fruit. All types of berries were planted, white, purple, and raisin grapes, a half acre locust tree wood lot. Sugar beets, sugar cane, and flax was cultivated. The two former were used to make molasses for sale and home consumption. The straw of the flax was used for weaving and the seed for medicinal purposes, also sage.

He had in his possession asparagus seed which had been sent to him by his brother-in-law William T. Stains who was on a Latter-day Saint mission in Russia. William Stains had written to say he had found a new and very palatable vegetable growing wild there. It was ordinarily started by the transplant of roots but could be grown from seed if nurtured carefully for a period from 3 to 5 years while the root system was becoming established. So anxious was he to care tenderly for his precious seed that had come from so far away. He was concerned over the method of cultivation. The earth must be mulched loosely yet not deep enough to disturb the seeds and tiny roots developing. So he straddled the rows, crawling on his knees cultivating with a table fork. A sizable amount of seed must have been sent as the bed was approximately 40 by 75 feet. The asparagus did very well in the Utah climate and at the height of production as much as three bushels a day was picked. This asparagus bed is believed by our family to be one of the first in Utah.

A long row of pie plant now known as rubarb grew along side of

the grape vines.

Tooele was a small community, everyone with their own farm and orchard. So there was little opportunity for sale there. But Stockton seven miles south of Tooele in Rush Valley was a thriving mining center. The Old Chicago Smelter had been built there. Ore was brought in from Dry Canyon, Ophir, Mercur, Eureka, and from the Honerene mine now known as Bauer. There was four hundred families there (taken from the Mining Historical Quarterly) as well as numerous boarding houses, saloons, etc.

George Speirs had the produce but no wagon for conveyance, so he became his own pack horse. He fashioned a basket for his back

1863 and started a sawmill at the mouth of Middle Canyon. Shortly after this William and Thomas, the two older sons, got out logs and a two room log house was built on the farm. The rooms were about fifteen feet square with slab roof and floor. A lean-to kitchen and room for the loom was built on. Locust trees were planted around the house and four lilac bushes were planted by the front door.

The material woven from flax was course and heavy. It was known as "itchy knittys," and used mainly for work clothes for men and boys. However there was much demand for it and the loom was kept in constant use until the Provo Woolen Mills were started. A greater variety



from the willows growing along the irrigation streams. This he held in place by straps going over each shoulder on each arm or in each hand he carried a large basket. Since pie plant and asparagus were the first fruit and vegetable, each spring there was an anxious market for all he could furnish. The produce was picked at night, tied in pound bundles, and stored in the dirt cellar covered over with wet clothes. At the first sign of daylight he started his long walk to Stockton. By the second spring he had built a large two wheeled push cart. As each produce was ready it was taken in the same way. Thus was the first phase of marketing by George Speirs.

Abel Parker came to Tooele in

of material could be had much cheaper, so the loom was stored away.

Janet capitolized on her stove too. Saturday was the day designated for other families to bake bread. The stove was kept hot all day. Each person who came brought so many arms full of wood. The pile was often so high the family didn't have to worry over firewood.

All of the family worked hard to make a success of the various projects which meant their livelihood and success. Five other children were born after the arrival in Tooele. They were Mary Ann, Lilly, Christina, Ellen and Matthew.

The second phase of merchandis-



ing by George Speirs was by freight wagon. As soon as he had saved enough money to buy a heavy freight wagon and team, he began to freight from Salt Lake City to Stockton and Ophir. It took four days to make the round trip. The end of the second day found his wagon loaded and back to the cave near Garfield known as the "Half Way House," where he spent the night. Mr. Speirs always took his youngest son Matthew along with him to help take care of the animals at night and also to keep him company on this long tiresome journey.

During these trips the father and son became very close to each other; they learned much poetry together and also committed to memory many verses from the Bible. They also talked of business and different phases of merchandising, thus he was training his son for the future business world.

The third night he was home and added produce to the wagon from the farm. The fourth day he delivered the load to its destination. Very often a barrel of saurkraut was fastened onto the side of the wagon to be sold by the quart. As each fruit came into season it was dried on fruit racks. What a tiresome job turning the fruit on the racks in the hot sun. A large apple press was set up in a shed by the cellar for the making of apple cider. Apple and honey vinegar was another product. The freight wagon was carried on until 1880 when it was turned over to his sons and son-in-law William G. Stewart.

Mr. Speirs was then ready for his third phase of marketing. He wanted to make his store a permanent one in Tooele City. In 1880, he established his business in a log cabin on South Main Street. This building has since been moved to Vine Street as a Pioneer Hall.

Business in this location grew very rapidly and soon the business was much too large for such a small building and a new location was sought.

He purchased a two story building on First South and Main Street from Herman and Slater in 1882. Very proud indeed was he to move into such a fine big building. The upper story was used as a dance hall and the lower became the



"Speirs General Store."

Because of his good business policies and his lovable disposition more and more people came to his store. He kept everything from carpet tacks to wagon seats and from pins to the latest styles in ladies' millinery.

Much of the business was credited from one harvest to another, and a good bit of trading. His freight wagons carried such produce as potatoes, grain, dried fruit, etc. to Salt Lake City for exchange of other commodities. He became a successful and wealthy merchant during his twenty-six years in the mercantile business from which he retired in 1906.

Mr. Speirs not only made close pals of his own children, but he proved to be a great friend to many of the boys in the community. He was a mathematical genius, and when the boys had trouble with their problems they headed for Speir's Store. When no customers were in the store the boys would group themselves around the old stove and with blackboards and chalk the lesson would begin. These boys were never allowed to leave the store until they understood perfectly the problems which they had solved. Such men as Elder Richard R. Lyman, one of the apostles of the Church, A. G. Gowans, his brother Dr. E. G. Gowans, and many other prominent men of the city and also of Salt Lake City, enjoyed these arithmetic lessons, sitting on wooden boxes or vinegar barrels around the stove on winter afternoons.

George Speirs was always interested in education. He loaned money to many people for an education, among them were Elder Richard R. Lyman, Dr. E. G. Gowans, Dr. George Stewart and many others. He advanced money to James Dunn to help start the first newspaper.

Aside from this mercantile business, Mr. Speirs benefited his community by acting as a member of the City Council. He was the first sexton and the water master for many years. He was instrumental in getting Tooele City's first cullinary water system established.

Mr. Speirs built a large two story brick home on the corner of Main and Second South Street, which he shared with his family and any others that might need a home. It later became the home of his son, Matthew, who was the new owner of the store when he retired in 1906.

Mr. Speirs turned his farm over to his daughter Ellen and her husband William G. Stewart. This log cabin and home is located at 394 West 2nd South in Tooele and is still occupied by family.

George Speirs and Janet Lyon were sealed in the old Salt Lake Endowment House. Living a life of love and devotion for 71 years. At the close of their lives they had 51 grandchildren and 60 great grandchildren. They passed away the same winter just six weeks apart. Janet died October 26, 1919, at the age of 92.

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## **Interesting Name Extraction Mission Reported-Modern Pioneering**

*by V. Vee Reynolds  
Life Member and Pres.-Elect of  
South Davis Chapter*

Eight years ago this coming June, I was called on my third mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This mission was called an Extraction Mission, but I prefer to call it an "Ancestral Inspiration" mission. I was called to extract Spanish and/or German names from microfilm records for a two year period. At the outset, I practiced for the first two weeks on Spanish records and the day I was to start work in earnest, I was informed that I would be working in the German program. This meant another two weeks of training on how to extract German. Just prior to my starting on the German program, I was informed that I would be working on Latin. Now, I studied German, French and Spanish in school, but my Latin, such as it was at the time, was strictly self-taught. I questioned the advisability of working in Latin, but was told by the Coordinator of our program: "Brother Reynolds, I am inspired to inform you that you can and will be able to read and extract the Latin language." No truer words were ever spoken, for the past eight years I have worked not only in Latin, but French, Spanish and German. I was long since released from my two year extraction mission, and then immediately recalled to work in the program as a Church calling. A little over three years ago, I was called to be the Bountiful Regional Director of the German Extraction Program.

We currently have a beautiful new extraction center out in the Bountiful/Woods Cross Regional Center (the former Valley Music Hall), where we have 22 microfilm readers and two microfiche readers. We currently have about 90 extractors and supervisors working in the overall program. I say overall program, as we are divided into three separate groups. We have the German Program, which I direct, wherein we extract German, Latin and French; then we have the Spanish Program, where they extract only Spanish records; and the third program is the English Program, where only English records are extracted. We maintain an even balance of approximately 30 individuals in each program. Now this is only the extraction program, and does not take into account the Data Entry Center, which is housed in another part of the same building, and consists of the input-to-computer portion of the program. We extract and they input to the computer.

We currently work 15 shifts per week, split up among the three separate programs. Some shifts are basically for German, some for Spanish, and some for English, and some of the shifts combine extractors from all three programs. The shifts are each of four hours duration, as that is about as long as you can stand to sit and stare with intent into a microfilm reader without inflicting some type of eye strain.

I am proud to admit that we are one of the larger extraction centers in the Church, some of them consisting of only one or two individuals and very few machines. The extraction programs throughout the world are currently furnishing approximately 92% of the names for temple ordinance work, such as baptisms and marriages. So, you can readily see the importance of the extraction program to the church and to our ancestors. Without it, the temples would have to close for lack of names. Patrons, researchers and other individuals only furnish approximately 8% of the names. Since 1977, when our extraction program started, we have extracted over 77 million names. This has been accomplished by 895 stakes and over 15,000 volunteer workers. From such a set of

statistics you can readily see the importance of the extraction program to the Church and to our ancestors, Pioneer, or otherwise.

Throughout the entire program, we are currently extracting 17 different languages all the way from English to American Indian. We have work being carried forth in 25 countries throughout the world. In addition to these numerous extraction centers, we currently have 13 Volunteer Data Entry Centers; located in Utah, Colorado, California, Arizona, Idaho and Washington. And now you can see why I call this "Ancestral Inspiration." This extraction work is fascinating, to say the least. Not everyone is as fortunate as I am, that I am able to work in four languages, but that is no obstacle to anyone wanting to work in the program. We take individuals, some of whom have no knowledge whatsoever of German, or Latin, and inside of a month we have them extracting like professionals, which they do become. The key to a good extractor is dedication. Much comes by way of inspiration, if the individual applies himself or herself to the work, puts forth the effort necessary, and relies heavily on the spirit of inspiration to guide them in their work. I can recall numerous instances when I have been struggling with some old Gothic German, and find myself temporarily stymied, and I have set and studied it out in my mind, sometimes getting up and taking a short walk, getting a cold drink of water, and then coming back in and finding the answer without any further problems. It's not that I am any smarter than any other extractor, it is just that I rely heavily on the spirit of discernment and inspiration to aid me in my work. I sincerely believe that we receive assistance from beyond the veil from those individuals for whom we are doing this great work. Of course, one must put forth study efforts as well. Nothing comes easy in this life, without our putting forth our own efforts to further the work.

Not all work in the program is dull and uninteresting. At times you run into situations which stimulate your thinking and make the work interesting and satisfying. One time



in particular, I was extracting from a German film, and I ran across a large paragraph written in Latin, right in the middle of the German entry. Let me clarify for you why the Parish Priest would write the information in Latin, rather than in German. A few, very few people, could read and write German, but generally only the clergy could read and write Latin, so when they had something they didn't want the average person to read, they wrote it in Latin.

Now to get back to the story as spelled out in the Latin paragraph. It appears that a child had been born who had both male and female sex organs. The priest was at a loss as to what to do; how to baptize the infant. He did indicate that if one sex was more dominant than the other, it would have to be the male. This was, of course, because male organs are outwardly visible and more easily recognizable, although both were present. Well, being the enterprising individual that he was, and to cover all bases, he baptized the child as a male, and named him Heinrich; and then immediately thereafter, he again baptized the infant as a female and gave her the name of Anna Maria. Quite a solution to what was a perplexing problem to the priest. Since we are required to show infants as male, where there are questions, the card was prepared with the name of Heinrich/Anna Maria, and sex as male, so that ordinance work could be performed for the child.

Another interesting story taken from a German entry. I ran across a real sad situation where a woman got pregnant out of wedlock and didn't want anyone to know about it. Consequently, the last few months of her confinement were spent alone in her house, in Germany, unknown to her neighbors or friends, who merely knew that she was not feeling up to par and wanted to be left alone. She did have one neighbor who saw her through the windows moving about the house from time to time so that she knew at least that she was still okay and up and about.

A time came, however, when the neighbor did not see her, so she got the constable or the police and they entered the house where they found the woman lying on the living room floor, dead, and apparently having hemorrhaged and bled to death. Without further investigation, since the woman was alone in the world, they prepared her for burial and she was interred in the local cemetery, having no known relatives to take charge. Five days after her burial, the constable came to the house to dispose of her personal effects, and upon entering the bedroom, he found a tiny little baby girl wrapped in a blanket in the woman's bed. Of course, by this time, the child had died without someone to feed and take care of it. She had been alive, however, when

the mother placed her there.

The townspeople were shocked as no one knew she was even expecting, and of course, the father was unknown. The little girl was laid to rest beside her mother, in fact she was placed in her mother's arms. They dug the mother's grave open and gently placed the little girl in her mother's arms, and then closed the coffin again to await the resurrection. What a pathetic and sad end to a mother's and a child's life. It's stories like this which spark an extractor's interest and make extraction work worth the time and energy to perform.

There are many stories like these which break the monotony of the work, and make one feel that he or she knew these individuals and were really a part of their lives. They were indeed ancestors. You can't extract names without feeling a bond of sorts with the people involved. Back in those days, a couple had a child on the average of every two years, whether they intended to or not, and when you see this same couple show up every two years with another child, you get to feel and know them

and can really identify with them. I thank my Father in Heaven that I was inspired to accept such a call as this, and to be able to stay with the program in this part of our Father's vineyard.

## Heritage

*by Owen Sanders*

Some were weak in spirit  
And had no faith to try;  
Some were weak in body  
And left the trail to die.

While those who trudged the dusty trails  
And suffered grief and pain  
Were destined, by their efforts,  
To gain eternal fame.

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## **Box Elder Chapter's New Officers Begin a "Points of Interest" Table**

Sons of Utah Pioneers met in January at the Brigham City Community Center for a dinner, program, and introduction of new officers for the year.

President LeRoy H. Ward welcomed the group, with the prayer led by Preston Keller and pledge of allegiance led by Erol Wiscombe.

In addition to President Ward, officers serving the group for the current year are Dean Freeman, president-elect; Jerry Wilde, vice president; Lowell Nelson, secretary; Melvin Peart, treasurer; Erol Wiscombe, historian; and Conway Parry, librarian.

Directors are Ronald Leonard, Don Nelson, Steve Robinson, and Spencer Reeder. Arland DuVall is in charge of awards and achievements; Morgan Hawkes is past president and Carlyle Jensen is national vice president.

Dr. J. C. Haws presented a pioneer ancestor life sketch.

Life Membership pins and certificates were presented to Bert L. Christensen and Dean Freeman.

Sunshine fellowship was presented by Frank Forsgren, and door prizes were awarded to John Wayman and Frank Forsgren.

On our "Points of Interest" table was wood from the rebuilt Peter Whitmer home and a copy of the original document that organized the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in April 1830 at Fayette, Seneca, New York. They were arranged by Carol Ward.

Dinner was served to 92 members and guests followed by a program presented by Anna Marie Rex and her children Charlene, Gregory, Gary and Dale.

Closing prayer at the conclusion of

the meeting was offered by Herman Hadfield.

Our Chapter is planning a trek to the Jordan River Temple on March 5. We would also like to extend an invitation to other chapters or individuals to attend the Golden Spike program at Promontory, Utah, May 10 at 11 a.m.

## **Call to All Chapters**

The National "Pioneer Story" Committee invites all chapters to participate in the Annual "Pioneer Story" Activity. Urge your historians, writers, researchers and history buffs to enter their work. Manuscripts should be received at the National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers: Pioneer Story Committee, 3301 East 2920 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109 no later than July 1, 1988. Limit your manuscripts to under 4000 words; any subject, family histories, personal histories, place histories or folklore. Since the 1988 Annual National Encampment is at St. Johns, Arizona, subjects dealing with Arizona will be very appropriate; however, let us have articles also on your own local areas.

Recognition will be given at the Encampment. Plan now to submit your stories and attend.

## **Utah Historical Society Reports Upcoming Exhibits and Events for Summer-Autumn Season**

The exhibit "Silver in the Golden State," produced by the Oakland Museum, will be on display in the Grand Lobby of the Rio Grande Depot from June 19 through October 7. This exhibit, including \$1,500,000 worth of fine silver pieces, tells the story of silver mining in California, illustrates the craft of the silversmith, and details the impact of silver on the social and cultural life of California. Complementing this exhibit will be our own on Utah silver. Mining in the Wasatch, Oquirrh, and Tintic ranges; smelting in the southern part of the Salt Lake Valley; the impact of the silver industry on other industries and on the national and world economy; and the fortunes made and lost in Utah and how these fortunes influenced Utah's

cultural life--these are fascinating stories that will be told in the exhibit. All members are especially invited to attend the exhibit opening on June 18.

## **Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter Reports Activities**

*by Larry A. Eggett*

Members of the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter treated their wives to a special Sweetheart Luncheon in the Lion House on February 10. Robert L. Van Wagenen, Major USAF Retired, favored us with a most enjoyable musical program. He is well-known in local music circles. He is a member of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and he has performed in various operas. Past President Larry Eggett was presented with a plaque in appreciation for his service as President of the Chapter in 1987.

At our luncheon on March 9, we were pleased to hear from Gary Peterson. Mr. Peterson is a professional photographer, historical geographer, author, and publisher. He principally addressed the theme, "Hardrock Mining Landscapes in Utah." He discussed how the different people who have settled in Utah, and how the various industries--mining, agriculture, etc.--have affected the scenery and landscapes in various parts of Utah.

Art Geurts, a member of the our Chapter, was recently honored by the Great Salt Lake Council of the Boy Scouts of America. They presented him with the Silver Beaver Award for the service he has rendered to the Scouting program. Congratulations, Art!

On Monday, July 25, the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter will again sponsor the Days of '47 Sunrise Service, to be held in the Tabernacle on Temple Square at 7:00 a.m. The speaker will be selected from among the General Authorities of the Church, and music will be provided by the Millcreek Region LDS Choir. This service is a most appropriate way to begin the day on which we honor our Pioneer ancestors. We would certainly encourage all SUP members and their families and friends to join us at this special service.



# A Samaritan Speaks

by Leo L. Mower

On the evening of April 3, 1988 a very special and interesting program was held in the Heritage Hall of the national headquarters of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. This program was co-sponsored by the International Cultural Exchange Foundation and our National Society.

The paramount purpose of this program and others like it in the future is to extend a hand of genuine friendship to visitors from all countries of the world, and to help create, maintain, and enhance the perception that our nation has in it a multitude of serious minded individuals with a great appreciation and affection for people of all cultures.

From the one-to-one visitor-host relationship to the aggregate cultural exchange gatherings, the Foundation fosters two basic principles: (1) What we have in common is more important than what we have in difference, and (2) what we have in difference contains much cultural treasure to be preserved, illuminated, and shared.

The Samaritans are a remnant of the Northern Kingdom of Israel, claiming descent from Joseph through Manasseh and Ephraim. Although numbering about 1,200,000 souls in the 5th century, grievous persecution reduced this people to only 146 souls by 1917.

With the help of the British and of other good people in the world, they were able to turn things around to where an increase in their numbers began to take place. This increase has since escalated over the years until their numbers have now nearly quadrupled. Oral traditions assure them that, for a worthy purpose, God will preserve and restore the remnant of Joseph in the end of days. Having been faithful to God's trust, they are very grateful for their preservation. It is very likely that they may be the oldest community in the world. The motto of the Samaritans is "live and let live." They want to make everyone happy.

Following prelude music by the renowned Jay Welch Chorale those in attendance were welcomed by

Macoy A. McMurray, President of the International Cultural Exchange Foundation. He indicated that we should work with the Samaritans of today. "Their story is amazing," he said. Through them we are now becoming aware of many additional early records made by them that go much further into the past than any now possessed by us. These early records have been widely scattered since they were written many centuries ago but they are still in existence. We should consider ourselves as essentially their brothers and as such we need to help them to reassemble the early records of their people and of ours. It is very possible that by doing so we may become more enlightened about early mankind, their accomplishments, and their ways of life.

Following this welcome, the invocation was then given by Bishop Swen Swensen, M.D.

A musical number by the Chorale was "And They Shall Not Learn War Anymore." It was sung in the Hebrew language with McKay Rollins as the featured soloist. The director was J. E. Welch, Ph.D. with Laurel Enke and Matthew Faerber as the accompanists.

Benjamin Tsedaka, Director of the Institute of Samaritan Studies in Israel was the featured speaker. He was accompanied to Utah by Yefet, his wife. Yefet felt that she should not come to the podium but she did respond briefly from the floor.

In somewhat broken English Benjamin gave a very complete and interesting accounting of the Samaritan people to include where they came from, what they are now accomplishing, and what they intend to do as a people in the future. He told of his recent meeting with James E. Faust, Member of the Council of the Twelve. They both pledged to help each other in the achievement of those goals that the Samaritans and the Church have in common.

L. Stephen Richards, Jr., M.D. responded to the remarks made by Benjamin Tsedaka. He spoke briefly of the importance of genealogy to the people of this area and to others worldwide. It is hopeful that the ancient manuscripts of the Samaritan people can eventually be located and made available to all people. If this

were to happen there is no doubt that the information in them would do much to hasten our work having to do with the history and past accomplishments of mankind.

The final musical number by the Jay Welch Chorale was "The Lord Bless You and Keep You." The text was from Numbers 6:24-26 with the music by Peter Lutkin.

The benediction was by Everett H. Call, President of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

It was a very delightful and enlightening evening for the several hundred people in attendance from the Salt Lake Valley and other places in the state.

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# Personal Historical Sketches

by Leo L. Mower, *Historian*

Most of us are just a little older than we would sometimes like to admit. None of us are going to get any younger. Maybe it's about time to write that personal history that we have been putting off for the past too many years. I would like to be remembered by my relatives and friends and I'm sure that most of you also have this desire even though you may not sometimes care to admit it.

As members of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers we have a very excellent library that we are all very proud of. This is the ideal place in which to keep a copy of a history of your life for all who may wish to use the information. It could be just a short sketch of a few pages or a larger volume that you would be kind enough to contribute to the library.

It has been suggested by many individual members as well as by the National Board that an earnest attempt be made to compile historical sketches of as many members of the Society as it is possible to do so. This would include historical sketches of you who are among the living as well as loved ones who have passed away recently or perhaps years or even centuries ago.

Just who should be included in the histories to be properly indexed and filed in the library? First, how about all of those pioneer ancestors who have been memorialized on the large plaques that hang in the main hall of our national headquarters building? Just how much information is on file and available concerning each of them? I'm sure that whatever it is, it isn't always enough. Also, too many of them have been left out. Please think about bettering this situation.

Next, let's take a very long look at all of the tile with names memorialized on them that are located on the walls of the stairway leading down into the lower level of our building. It would be very wonderful if information was

available on the person or persons whose name(s) are engraved thereon. In most cases each tile has on it two names. Please don't forget to include both of them in the historical sketch you would be writing. Those of you whose names do not as yet appear there should consider getting them there as soon as possible and then begin working on the sketch to be placed in the library. Wouldn't that be the kind of an accomplishment that would make you feel good about yourself as an individual or as a part of the family.

Each month there are those of us who leave to become members of the Chapter Eternal. What a great showing of love it would be if those family members who have been left behind would pool their information and compile a short history in memory of that person who is no longer with us. Give out copies of this to your family and to close friends and then make sure that our library also has a copy for still others to look at. If this was done, surely you would have done your loved one a great honor. Don't forget to include information on the spouse as a part of the sketch.

Last, but definitely not least, are those historical sketches that should be given in the chapter meetings on one of the ancestors of the couple responsible for the evening program. If this practice was to be carried out on a regular basis just think how many sketches would be generated. Just don't forget to turn a copy to the person in your chapter designated to receive them. If there is now such an individual then personally get the information to the national library.

Please do whatever you possibly can as an individual or as a family to help with any or all of the situations described above that might pertain to your situation. Anything that you are able to accomplish in regards to family history should be delivered or mailed to our headquarters building in care of the library. Francis Partridge, our national librarian, will then properly file and index each history in accordance to proper library procedures. Many thanks to all of you for your past, present, and future efforts in the area of historical sketches.

## Snowflake Chapter Not "Flakey"

Vice President at Large, Paul J. Updike, reports on an interesting meeting held recently in the home of one of its members, Fost Wilson Flake. There were thirteen members present. Each one spoke for several minutes about their respective ancestors.

V. P. Updike installed the following officers: Fost Wilson Flake, Pres.; Henry Burns, Pres.-Elect; Nephi Bushman, First V. P.; Parley Peterson, Secretary; Glen Flake, Three-year Director; Vincent Flake, Two-year Director; Mark Flake, One-year Director; Jim Ballard, Treasurer; and Lynn Rencher, Chaplain.

Vice President Updike charged the group to hold regular meetings each month on the same day of the week, and on the same week of the month. He urged them to prepare now for the National Encampment at St. Johns, Arizona on August 4, 5, 6th. Updike reported that St. Johns is only 70 miles away from Snowflake, and each Chapter member should be able to attend. Updike felt that this Chapter was very enthusiastic and in good shape.

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# Chapter Eternal

## Herbert Ernest Rumel

Herbert Ernest Rumel, age 75, the President-elect of the Sugarhouse Chapter of SUP died in March 1988. He was Assistant Manager of the Federal Inter-Agency Motor Pool. He was active in the LDS Church, having been a teacher, High Priest leader and teacher, and held many other positions. He was also an assigned Temple worker. He is survived by his wife, two children and five grandchildren.

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## Arvin Wright Grant

Arvin Wright Grant, age 82, passed away March 17, 1988 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Member of the Sugarhouse Chapter of Sons of Utah Pioneers. Active in the Parleys 1st Ward. Member of Retired Officers Association, Salt Lake Board of Realtors and National Sojourners. Survived by wife, Katherine, daughter and son and 7 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and a sister, Marion G. Bristol.

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## LeGrand Pollard Backman

LeGrand Pollard Backman, 94, passed away April 19, 1988. He was a Life Member of the Salt Lake City Chapter. He was President of the South African Mission, Bishop, Attorney President of the Temple Square Mission, on the Board of Days of '47, and many other positions. He is survived by his wife, three sons and two daughters.

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## Farron E. Cutler

Farron E. Cutler, age 76, a member of the Holladay Chapter of SUP passed away March 4, 1988. He was a retired banker and business executive, a former director of the Federal Reserve Bank, and officer in many private companies. He was a former Bishop and held many other positions in the LDS Church. He is survived by his wife, three children, twelve grandchildren. He left a life of service, many friends, and will be greatly missed.

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## Lanell Lunt

Lanell Lunt, age 87, member of the Cedar City SUP died March 3, 1988 in Cedar City. He was a founder and officer of Lunt Motor Company. He was active in the LDS Church and held many positions therein. He was one of the most prominent citizens of southern Utah. He is survived by his wife, five children, 22 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

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## Ivan L. Jones

Ivan L. Jones, age 80, a member of the Temple Quarry Chapter of SUP died March 19, 1988. He was employed by Kennecott Copper Co. for thirty-seven years and was presented the Craftsman's Award by the State Governor. He was active in the LDS Church, serving as Elders Quorum President, in the bishopric, and other positions. He is survived by his wife, six children, 33 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

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## Edward Cranney

Edward Cranney, age 62, a member of SUP died February 25, 1988. He was an avid outdoorsman and took his family on many outdoor excursions. He was for 27 years a mechanic for Wheeler Machinery Co. He is survived by his wife, four children and four grandchildren.

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## James Mark Bishop

James Mark Bishop, age 75, a member of the Temple Quarry Chapter of SUP died March 1, 1988. He was active in the LDS Church, and a carpenter by profession. He is survived by five children, eighteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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## Lawrence Webster Singleton

Lawrence Webster Singleton, age 94, died March 21, 1988. He was a Life Member of the Murray Chapter of SUP. He was active in the LDS Church, having served two missions and held many other positions. He is survived by three children, 40 grandchildren, 115 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

## Joseph R. Johnson

Joseph R. Johnson, age 73, died March 14, 1988. Member of the SUP at Brigham City, Utah. He was a general contractor by profession. Active in the LDS Church, he served in the Logan Temple and held many other positions in the Church. He was a member of the Mantua Ward at the time of his death. He is survived by four children, 15 grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. His wife recently followed him in death.

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## Adolph Johnson

Adolph Johnson, age 76, a member of SUP died April 12, 1988. He was a farmer, and later worked for 23 years as a painter for the Jordan School District. He was a past president of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Active in the LDS Church, he fulfilled a mission and held many other positions. He is survived by his wife, by a daughter and three sons, as well as by 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

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## Elden Rich Pugmire

Elden Rich Pugmire, age 73, died April 4, 1988 in Salt Lake City. He was a member of the Canyon Rim Heritage Chapter of SUP. He was a veteran of World War II and an active member of the LDS Church. He was a High Priest at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, three sons, and seven grandchildren.

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## H. Alvah Fitzgerald

H. Alvah Fitzgerald, age 97, a member of the Brigham Young Chapter of SUP died March 24, 1988 in Provo. He was educated in Utah schools, was a graduate of BYU with a Masters Degree in Science. He also attended the U. of U., USC and Columbia University. He was a teacher by profession, and taught in the various Institutes and Seminaries of the LDS Church. He held the office of Bishop, a member of the Stake Presidency, and served his Church in many other positions. He is survived by his wife, five children, 25 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

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## Lloyd Christensen "Chris"

Lloyd "S" Christensen, age 88, a member of Sons of Utah Pioneers Sugarhouse Chapter died March 12, 1988 in Salt Lake City. Retired after 40 years as the Railway Postal Clerk. Former Vice President of the Railway Association. Former member of the Philatelic Club. Survived by his wife, Ethel; two sons and four daughters, Evelyn Brownley, Idaho; LaVoy S.; Denece Larsen; Diane Simister; Roger W.; Linda Harris all of Salt Lake City, and 22 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren.



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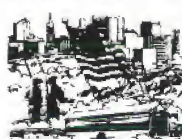
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